

**W2NPT**

The Resonator

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From The President:

Dear FLARC Members,

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as FLARC President during our 60th Anniversary year. I would like to offer some final thoughts for our future:

- 1) It is vitally important that we continue to provide interesting club activities. Otherwise, we could all just sit at home and talk on our radios.
- 2) Let's continue to capitalize upon our unique assets and identity. FLARC has multiple operating positions with good radios and antennas for casual operations every Friday and for the occasional contest. Plus our well-equipped workbenches offer an attractive gathering place for those inclined to tinker.
- 3) Let's continue to greet new members and visitors and offer them station tours. I suspect we do this better than most other radio clubs.

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Member Profile

NAME: **George Rand**

CALL: **W3EH**

I'm George Rand, and my present call is W3EH.

For most of my professional life I was a Nurse Practitioner in the Emergency Department at Bellevue Hospital. Before that I taught English and American literature. I have been retired for a decade.

I first heard about ham radio from my father, who was not a ham and, in fact, knew very little about it. My dad was a physician of the generation that still made house calls. He told me about a former patient of his who had an amateur station in his garage and talked to people all over the world. I was hooked. It took me a few years to find a Novice class, and by the summer of 1955 I had upgraded to General. I was 15 years old, and my call at the time was K2KTT.

Nowadays, my main interest is DX. I enter most of the DX contests as well, but my days of running up world-class scores were back in the 1980's and 90's.

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George (W3EH) working CQ WW.

FINAL CALL!! BRING IN YOUR QSLs

To close out the year, the Publicity Committee is looking to put together a time capsule of sort -- a visual memory of all members on the roster this year.

Please bring a copy of your QSL to one of the upcoming meetings during December or mail it to the club. We have a box near the sign-in sheet set aside for this purpose.

We'll gather them and put together a collection for "posterity"... or at least for the members who will be doing the 75th anniversary ! Thanks.

Club Apparel Is Here!!

The holidays are here and club apparel is a far better gift than underwear. Tell the XYL that red is in and your club friends all have them...you *want* a shirt or jacket for Field Day!



This poor OM got a Santa suit instead of a spiffy FLARC shirt or jacket. Don't forget.... they're easy to order.

Go to www.hamthreads.com or visit <http://apparel.FairLawnARC.org> to check out the item selection that is posted on the FLARC website (with pictures and prices). Order the shirts or other items you want with either the regular FLARC or the still-cool 60th anniversary logo.

Note: **RED** is the primary and preferred club brand standard shirt color.

SAVE THE DATE: Fri. December 9th 60th Anniversary Speaker Series Features ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher (NY2RF)

The club brings its 60th anniversary programming to a close with newly installed ARRL CEO Tom Gallagher (NY2RF) speaking to the club on Friday, December 9th at 7:30 PM.

Tom will be speaking about the direction of the ARRL and its impact on us at the club level.

We're honored to have Tom speak to us so please save the date and invite your fellow hams. He's excited to meet with us and to help celebrate 60 club years!! **Don't forget it's at the Senior Center, not the clubhouse.**



Tom Gallagher (NY2RF)



The Club

Fair Lawn ARC is the friendliest ham club around with five operating stations in a permanent clubhouse. Visitors and guests are always welcome. The club is open every Friday night from NLT 6:30 PM. Business meetings are the first Friday of the month at 7:30PM.

2016 Officers

President	Karl Frank	W2KBF
Vice President	Judith Shaw	KC2LTM
Treasurer	Don Cassarini	N2PRT
Secretary	Randy Smith	WU2S
Trustee	Skip Barker	KD2BRV
Trustee	Dave Marotti	N8MAR
Trustee	Steve Wraga	WA2BYX
Field Day	Steve Wraga	WA2BYX
Speakers	Lowell Vant Slot	W2DLT
Publicity	Ed Efcak	WX2R
Publicity	Susan Frank	W6SKT
Publicity	Lowell Vant Slot	W2DLT
Publicity	Karl Frank (ex officio)	W2KBF
Social Media	Dave Marotti	N8MAR
Publicity	Thom Guida	W2XTZ
VE Liaison	Gene Ottenheimer	WO2W
VE Liaison	Pete Senesi	KD2BMX
Education	Gordon Beattie	W2TTT
Education	Gene Ottenheimer	WO2W
Education	Lowell Vant Slot	W2DLT
Education	Ed Efcak	WX2R
History	Gene Ottenheimer	WO2W
History	Lowell Vant Slot	W2DLT
History	Ed Efcak	WX2R
History	Rosalyn Roimisher	KD2GKA
Photographer	Don Cassarini	N2PRT
W2NPT Trustee	Paul Cornet	W2IP

BEQUEATHS AND DONATIONS

Planned gifts usually imply the family donation of amateur equipment to the club when someone has become a Silent Key. But it can be more.

Club members might consider making a gift through a will or trust; gifts that help provide lifetime income to the club. Consult with your lawyer, estate planner or tax advisor if you feel such a gift is worthy.

Member Profile (Continued)

Now I compete against my own expectations and keep an eye open for new countries. I do most of my operating from my apartment in New York City with a Yaesu 5000 and several different antennas.



W3EH at LIMARC Field Day

What I like about the Fair Lawn ARC is that it does what a local radio club should do. It has a permanent location, excellent station facilities, a loyal and active membership, and superb community outreach. Where do we go from here? As a relatively new member, I would be reluctant to advocate any particular agenda. The club and its more experienced membership seem to be finding their way forward quite well as it is.



George and Pincus

MASTER EVENT CALENDAR

December 2

FLARC Annual Meeting/Holiday Party

December 9

60th Anniversary Speaker/Tom Gallagher ARRL President **NEW!!**

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

January 1

Happy New Year!!

January 20

W3LPL Frank Donovan and His Tower Farm

June 24-25

Field Day

August 19-20

North American SSB QSO Party

September 16-17

NJ QSO Party

TBD

AREDN at the 2016 NYC Marathon/Gordon W2TTT

TBD

Van (W2DLT) And His Cuban CQ WW Contest Adventure

TBD

60th Anniversary Frank Leonard Memorial Lecture

TBD

W1TP Enigma Presentation w/Fair Lawn Public Library (Now Early 2017)

TBD

Vintage Gear Night

TBD

Radio Astronomy and Amateur Radio

TBD

A Primer on JT 65 by Steve Ford WB8IMY (tentative)

A Change To Our 2017 Web Address: Please note that from January 1, 2017 our formal website address will change to FairLawnARC.org from flarc.net. It's a move to standardize all our correspondence. Both URL's will still get you to the same place.

FLARC 2017 Member Survey

January will bring the email 2017 Member Survey. When you receive it via Survey Monkey, please complete it as soon as possible.

Thanks!!



Hidetsugu Yagi's 130th Birthday Google Doodle

Follow FLARC ON THE WEB

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialFLARC/>

Twitter: @FairLawnARC

Blog: <http://blog.FairLawnARC.org>

Youtube: <http://youtube.FairLawnARC.org>

FLARC VEC Exams

Our next test session is scheduled for **Saturday, 17 December** beginning at 0900 at the Community Center. No advanced registration is required but always appreciated. The fee is \$15.00 (cash or check).

Please bring positive identification (license, passport, etc.), your original license or a copy, original CSCE or a copy (if credit is needed).

The full exam schedule is on the club calendar at the flarc.net website. For further information contact either Gene (genew02w@gmail.com) or Pete (kd2bmx@yahoo.com). Please refer also to the "License Exams" link on the main website--

<http://testing.fairlawnarc.org>



Tech Talk December 2016

Do You Have the Right Connections?

Knowing what coaxial cable connector to use seems to get more challenging every year. Even trying to describe connectors can be a problem. So it was a great relief to find a reference guide with high-quality photographs of all the connectors any of us is likely to need. You can find the downloadable PDF file on the Air802 website at

http://www.air802.com/files/RF_Connector_ID_Chart.pdf

Another great source of help is the audio podcasts produced by Cale Nelson K4CDN at Ham Radio 360 <http://hamradio360.com/> Cale produces a very engaging weekly show covering all sorts of topics. His Workbench series should be of interest to the tinkerers among us. Yours truly will be on a forthcoming podcast talking about the AREDN mesh network.

Get connected!

73,

Randy WU2S



Zach (KC2RSS) displays the older version of the FLARC shirt setting up for this year's auction. He promises a new red one for Field Day!!



60 Years Of Meeting Places

The club has met in many locales over its sixty years; here is a review of some of them.



Circa 1956 Clubhouse, Memorial Park



The Old Library Theatre, River Road



Current Clubhouse, Fair Lawn Community Center, 20th Street

ARRL FIELD DAY 2016 RESULTS ARE RELEASED

If you thumbed through the December 2016 issue of *QST* you've probably checked the annual roundup of Field Day scores. FLARC was credited with 1,438 points which was correct based upon the *number of QSO's* reported that day.

But our bonus points and GOTA station points were not credited in the December magazine listings. WX2R caught the error and reported it to ARRL headquarters. A correction was quickly noted and our revised (and correct) score was changed to **2,598** points.

That change does have a highly positive impact on our Field Day efforts. Here are the revised rankings based upon our final total of **2,598** points. We ranked:

- 602nd out of 2,697 total entries (22nd percentile)
 - 124th out of 378 in category 2A (33rd)
 - 29th out of 97 within the Hudson Division (30th)
- 16th out of 66 in our "old" category 2F (used in 2014 and 2015) (24th)
 - 12th out of 40 within the Northern New Jersey section (30th)
 - 2nd in Northern New Jersey section category 2A ...and...
 - 1 of 8 Field Day pictures published in *QST* (!)

A near-top twenty percentile finish among all categories in a far more competitive category (2A) was a really positive effort especially with our reputation as being casual contesters.

What's also especially nice is the 25% increase in station contacts year over year....and the 125% increase over 2014. As Tom (N2ST) noted, "We have a good curve....it will be a challenge to keep it going." So... we have a target!

<u>Year</u>	<u>Score</u>
2016	2,598
2015	2,082
2014	1,150
2013	No Submission

A large measure of congratulations to all of our Field Day participants... only six months to go until FD 2017!



Field Day 2016

December 2, 2016 Annual Meeting Notes

President Karl W2KBF called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

The members rose and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Randy WU2S called the roll of officers and trustees and all except Treasurer Don N2PRT were present.

Secretary Randy WU2S announced that the minutes from the November meeting were emailed to all members and that they had also been published in the latest edition of the club's newsletter, The Resonator. He asked the members if there were any corrections needed and heard none. Kevin K2KCC moved to accept the minutes as published and Fred W2ABE seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

President Karl W2KBF announced that the slate of officer candidates for 2017 presented by the Nominating Committee was running unopposed. The slate of officers is:

- President – Judith KC2LTM
- Vice-President – Fred W2ABE
- Treasurer – Nancy N2FWI
- Secretary – Randy WU2S

2017 DUES ARE DUE

Don't forget to write a check or see our officers/Treasurer for your payment.

Do it NOW-- while you're reading this
And thinking about it.

Renewal is \$25.00 payable to:
Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club

Congratulations To Our 2017 Officers!

Judith Shaw (KC2LTM), President;
Fred Wawra (W2ABE), Vice President,
Nancy Beattie (N2FWI), Treasurer, and
Randy Smith (WU2S), Secretary.

Our new trustee is Jim (W2JC).

A big thanks to our retiring trustee, Skip Barker (KD2BRV).

And... a large measure of thanks as well to
Karl Frank (W2KBF) for his outstanding service
as FLARC President for the last two years. .

Congratulations to all and thanks for your dedication
and service to the club!!

Welcome New Members!

*FLARC is proud to welcome the following
new members:*

*Joe Stavitsky (no call) – Associate Member (Fair Lawn);
Andy Mitchell, KD2MDA, Woodland Park, NJ;
Steve Rosman, KA2YRA, Suffern, NY;
Jeremy Raffer (no call) – Associate Member (Fair Lawn).*

Welcome aboard!! Get involved... have fun!!

November Blog Traffic

Wow! November saw the first 600+ page view month ever driven in part by traffic around our auction and our anniversary. Here is the data:

	November 2015	November 2016	Change
Views	419	667	+59%
Visitors	112	140	+25%
Posts	4	16	+300%

There is new content nearly every day so really
worth the look to both flarc.net and the blog.

<http://blog.FairLawnARC.org>

December 2, 2016 Annual Meeting Notes (2)

President Karl asked for a motion to accept the officer candidates as proposed. Dave N3UXK moved that the officer candidates be voted in and Rich K2ZB seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

President Karl W2KBF said that the position of Trustee has two candidates: Jim W2JC and Don N2PRT. He proceeded to distribute cards to all members present with instructions to write the name of the selected candidate on the card. Secretary Randy WU2S was directed to collect and tally the votes and report the results later in the business meeting.

President Karl W2KBF announced that members need to approve the three amendments to the by-laws proposed in October. The amendments are:

Amendment #1: Section 3.1 is amended to permit the Monthly Business Meeting to start promptly at 7:30 PM.

Amendment #2: Section 3.2 is amended to permit the Council to vote by e-mail.

Amendment #3: Section 7.2.1 is amended to extend the membership period for new members paying dues for the first time on or after October 1 of a calendar year to include all of the following year.

President Karl W2KBF asked if there was any discussion needed and hearing none, asked for a motion to approve all three amendments. Dave N3UXK so moved and Fred W2ABE seconded the motion. The motion passed by acclamation.

President Karl W2KBF asked the members present for any other discussion items. Ron KC2TBD asked that all present thank outgoing President Karl W2KBF for his past two years of services and the improvements in club operations. All present arose and applauded W2KBF.

Jim W2JC pointed out the posters and banners on the walls which were used in the recent library display.

December 2, 2016 Annual Meeting Notes (3)

Ed WX2R noted that the Fair Lawn mayor and several council members were likely to stop by to say hello this evening.

Secretary Randy WU2S announced the results of voting for the Trustee position. Jim W2JC was elected by a preponderance of the votes cast.

Having no further business, President Karl W2KBF asked for a motion to adjourn. Gordon W2TTT so moved and Kathy W2YSF seconded the motion. The members present voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy WU2S, Secretary

From The President (continued)

4) Finally, let's not expect the Officers, Trustees and Committee and Event Chairs(Publicity, Technical, Field Day, Auction, History and Education) to do all of the heavy lifting.

In the past year we had great support from so many people who helped with food, refreshments and transporting equipment.

Let's keep it up so that the club will prosper for another 60 years.

73, Karl, W2KBF



2016 Holiday Party Pix

Great food, great camaraderie, visiting dignitaries, music and song met up with a very packed Senior Center on December 2nd for the free FLARC annual Holiday Party.



Tnx Pix W3EH

2016 FLARC Holiday Auction Pix

More than 100 buyers and sellers gathered at the Senior Center on Thanksgiving Friday for the annual FLARC holiday auction. Our data would indicate that this was our largest turnout ever and event chairman Gene (WO2W) reported that our profit from the event was near-record. We had many improvements driven by last year's attendees and it seemed to show with more sellers, more aggressive bidding, and an uptick in food sales. Initial comments to our post-event attendee survey also indicated a positive buyer/seller experience. A large "thanks" to all FLARC members who helped. A great evening -- see you in 2017!



Tnx Pix W3EH

Frank Leonard (W2NPT): A 60th Anniversary Reflection

-- by Paul W2IP

I was a teenager of 17 when I first met Frank Leonard. It was in the winter months of 1977 when I first went to the radio club, when the club met at the Old Library Theater building on River Road. A neighbor, Harold Ingraham, W2MMN had previously mentioned the existence of the Fair Lawn Radio Club to me.

Initially, being a teenager, I drifted in and out of my radio interest until during one Friday night club visit, Frank came up to me and said "Hi-Ya Bud, would you like to learn Morse code?"

That night, I sat in his code class along with four other teens around my age, Robert Takacs (now WB2IZC), Bill Mergo (now WB2SJI) and two others who I don't recall their names.

Frank had a mission in his mind, to teach these "young lads" the code and he took the time and held the code class every week in the Art room, just up the small ramp from the main common room.

Frank held the code class using an Ameco tube code oscillator and a straight key, which the club still has to this day.

As I remember, Frank had a method of teaching code that worked. He started with the easy characters first, and then progressed to more difficult ones. Numbers were easy but the punctuation was difficult. If you didn't quite get it, he would repeat it until you understood the flow of characters.

His method of sending code with a straight key proved many times over to be the best without getting tired. "It's all in the wrist" he said, bend the wrist as you depress the key and it will flow. He was right! Robert and Bill had progressed much faster than me and had taken their exams by the time I had finished.

I was a bit discouraged along the way, but Frank saw something within me and spent more time with me every week until I was able to send and receive at 5 WPM.

After some more sessions, he said "Bud, you're ready." Shortly afterward, I went to the FCC Field Office in New York City and took my Novice exam, receiving my license on August 18, 1978.

A week or so after I took the test, I was outside mowing the lawn and a man pulled up to my house driving a 1971 forest green Dodge Charger. He stopped and got out.

It was Frank. He said: "Hey Bud, did you pass ...?" I replied, "Yes". After a brief chat, I thanked him profusely for taking the time to teach me the code and keeping me on point. After he left, I said to my Mom: "For an old guy, he's pretty cool."

I owe a lot to Frank Leonard, who was very inspiring to many others and me and touched many people's lives in very special ways. Now almost 40 years later after I first met Frank Leonard, I am proud to be the trustee for the club license, Frank Leonard's former call sign, W2NPT.

-- Paul, W2IP (And TNX, Paul forary r the recollection and the pix!!)



Frank (W2NPT) leads a code class at the Old Library Theatre clubhouse circa 1972.



Look Back: FLARC's 60th Anniversary

As our 60th anniversary year comes to an official end, here's a look back at some memories as submitted by our members. While the anniversary is nearly over, our History Committee will continue to document and preserve some of the memories of our past. Paul (W2IP) has submitted some photos of the clubhouse circa 1995:



A Look Back: Yes, There Was Another FLARC Special Event Station!!

Back in November 2015 we asked if anyone had remembered any prior club anniversary and we came up sort of blank.

But, lo and behold, we recently stumbled upon a snippet of information that indicated that the club had indeed held a 25th anniversary special event station.

From a microfiche page of the May 1986 issue of (now defunct) magazine *Radio Amateur*, we discovered the following:

"The Fair Lawn ARC will operate the Club station under founding-member Frank Leonard's call, W2NPT, to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the club. Operation will be from 1300 to 2200 UTC on the 7th and from 1400 to..."

The only month with weekend dates of the 7th -8th is June 1986, presumably when the event occurred.

The "anniversary" refers to that of the founding of FLARC in 1961. FLARC is the successor of the *Fair Lawn Radio Club*, founded in 1956.



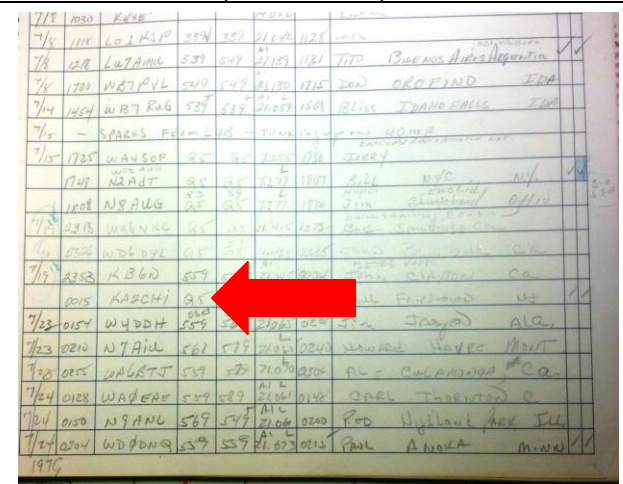
WB2RLO -- the original FLARC club call sign

A Look Back: An Old QSO Remembered

While putting together his recollection of Frank Leonard (W2NPT) , Paul (W2IP) ran across an old QSL from "Captain" Larry (W2ALY) from back in 1979. He noted it in an email to Larry and Ed (WX2R).



Larry went back to his 1979 (paper) log and found the QSO with Paul (then KA2CHI)...!



Here's Paul's QSL from that time...



Congratulations!!

Pete (KD2BMX) reports that we had a total of three (3) candidates served for VE Amateur Radio Testing at our November session.

2 (two) Technician Class Licenses were earned.
1 (one) Extra Class License was earned.

Tom Trifon -	No Call -	Technician
James P. Nicholas -	No Call -	Technician
Roger A. Ringers	K2RRB -	Extra

Closing The Book On Volume 1

This issue of *The Resonator* marks the end of the first year of its reincarnation. **Our thanks to our many contributors who made for a widely read and acclaimed first year.**

As always, newsletters don't write themselves. Your continued interest keeps it going and please keep sending your content and ideas to publish beyond the club's 61st year.

About The Club

The Resonator is published monthly and is the official (and only) newsletter of The Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club. FLARC was established in 1956 and has met continuously since inception.

The club meets every Friday at 7PM at the club station at The Fair Lawn Community Center, 10-10 20th Street, Fair Lawn, NJ. Business meetings are the first Friday of the month at 7:30 PM. **Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.**

FLARC operates the W2NPT repeater (145.470- PL 107) located atop the Community Center. The repeater is open to all amateurs for use without restrictions.

The club has approximately 100 members. Dues are currently \$25 per year. For more information, please see our website, www.flarc.net.

The FLARC

Fair Lawn Library Display:

The November display on our hobby and our club was well received and we distributed a lot of promotional material based on our check-in's.

A great overheard and unsolicited comment came from one of the librarians who said, "the guys who put that up are probably the most enthusiastic group we've had here in a long time. When they come in, they have the excitement of a bunch of kids.... except that they're not".

FLARC TO VISIT THE FAIR LAWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ed (WX2R) has been invited to talk about the club and its role in Fair Lawn on January 17th. The invitation came about by our presence at the September Fair Lawn Street Fair and our 60th anniversary activities.

FLARC Makes QST Again!!

A picture from our Field Day visit from Congressman Garrett made the December issue of QST (page 87) among the Field Day scores. A big thanks to the editors for selecting our picture... quite a surprise!!



New Jersey's Fair Lawn ARCC operation was visited by US Congressman Scott Garrett, who presented the club with a Certificate of Congressional Recognition commemorating the club's 60th anniversary. (Fair Lawn Amateur Radio Club, W2NPT, photo)

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SAVE THE DATE: January 20th FLARC 2017 Speaker Series Features Frank Donovan (W3LPL)

"Recollections of Sixty Years of DXing and Contesting at W3LPL"

Frank's contesting career began in 1959 as a 12 year old at the Providence Radio Assn, W1OP/1, ARRL Field Day two miles from his home in Providence, RI. Soon afterwards, he began to build a small contest station on 1/10 acre in a densely populated urban neighborhood. Seventeen year old K1LPL finished first place USA in the 1964 ARRL CW DX Contest low power category.

Immediately after college, U.S. Air Force 2nd Lieutenant Frank Donovan's first military assignment was working with PVRC member W3GN and his multi-multi (multi-transmitter, multi-operator) mentor, W4BVV.

W3LPL finished first place USA single operator in four CQ WW CW and four ARRL CW DX contests from 1973-78. His first multi-multi experience was with the 1974 PJ9JT CQ WW CW team. W3LPL multi-multi teams started with a small entry in the 1978 CQ WW Phone DX contest.

During the 1982 ARRL Phone DX Contest, two incredible long nights of 10 meter JA runs unexpectedly produced our first USA multi-multi win. Our multi-multi teams have completed nearly one million QSOs and achieved 45 first place USA finishes (so far) out of 137 consecutive entries (without a single missed entry) in the CQ WW and ARRL DX Contests.

Frank is a member of the prestigious CQ Contest Hall of Fame.



W3LPL QTH and antenna farm.

A Look Back

Frank Hernandez (W2MOF) lived on Canger Place around the corner from the Field Day site. This card is from 1957. The call is no longer active and has not been reissued.

Another Look Back

Lee Bowgren (WK2T) was FLARC President during the early 1990's and resided in Elmwood Park. During the late 1990's he moved to Las Vegas where he became a silent key. His call has been reissued to a ham in western New York.

(ED Note: WK2T was WX2R's Elmer and shall not be forgotten.)

NJ QSO PARTY 2016 RESULTS ARE RELEASED



Thanksgiving weekend brought the release of the results of September's 2016 NJ QSO party contest. FLARC finished third in the NJ club competition; a step up from its fourth place finish in 2015. It was also Bergen County's leading point club.

NJ Club	Score	Entrants
Sussex County ARC	90,516	3
Delaware Valley ARC	54,979	4
FLARC	51,210	2
South Jersey Radio Club	46,063	3
Tri-County Radio Club	21,476	2

The club's 51,210 points was 153% greater than our 2015 point total of 20,240! Thanks to George (N2GM) who added 8,080 points from his home QTH, enough to put us into third place.

The NJ QSO Party continues to grow and be more competitive. This year 102 logs were sent in, 36 from NJ, 53 from out of state, 6 Canadian provinces, and 7 DX which represented 17 counties, 25 states, and 12 NJ clubs! The contest is run annually by the Burlington County Radio Club.



NJ QSO Party 2016



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Happy Holidays!!

